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My Dear Friend: See last page

I hope you will prepare an article for the next N.R. You have a fortnight yet to do it in as this is one of our long vacations – if indeed we are not doomed to have a perpetual sitting vacation & an everlasting virtual adjournment of the paper altogether. Here it is Friday & no N.R. have I seen. Such delay is disgraceful to the Exec. Com. in general & to the Editing Com. in particular. Do let us try to have out the next No. before its time.

I had scarce time to read the kind letter you sent me last week accompanying the "Right & Wrong." You may be assured that it is good enough for me & that I have

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fault to find with the manner
or the matter. It must do vast
good in disabusing the really honestly
mistaken & in confirming the wavering.
I wish some measures might be
taken to give it a wide circulation.

The first ten lines of the Sonnet
on Lovejoy are admirable. The
lines from the fifth to the tenth are
noble & worthy of the best days of
Poetry. But I must say that
I wish the four last altered.

"Promptly but true his answering shots reply
While theirs repay shortly through the gloomy night;
is rayther savage — & do not describe a particularly
admirable trait in the martyrs
character. Nor do I think that
the two last lines make it very clear
what the guilt is that the world &c
share with him is. Perhaps ~~the~~
the 11th & 12th lines might be altered
so as to express censure of the
manifestation of his spirit

while you applaud the spirit itself. Perhaps the church, land, world &c might be brought in ~~there~~ at the 11th line & the guilt of Lovejoy more explicitly ascribed to their influence on him. As the 11th & 12th lines now stand I think any reader would suppose you to deem his well aimed shots a very creditable thing. I do not wish to have the 10 first lines disturbed.

You see I "censure freely" though I have never "written well" but know you will excuse me.

Pray stir up Garrison about his com. for preparing business for our meeting - of wh. you are one - also about getting his Annual Report ready.

We had a delightful visit from your husband & Anne last evening. I wish the next time any of you come that it will be in the day time - as my place here is not a candle light beauty. I hope to see you here again soon & to hear from you if there is anyth to be told. What a good no. of

the Liberator this week.
I am as ever truly
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